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## **TOP DOGS**

### ***Riverside Police Dogs Compete at 21<sup>st</sup> Annual K-9 Trials***

**RIVERSIDE, CA** – On October 21, 2011, two Riverside Police Department K-9 Teams competed at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Las Vegas K-9 Trials. The event is hosted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and is well attended by law enforcement agencies from around the country, as well as Canada and Mexico. The competition was a three-day event consisting of various obstacles and obedience exercises, which test the skill of the K-9 Handler and the deployment strategy and control of the police K-9.

Riverside Police Officers Mike Carroll and Dave Taylor competed at the event, which was attended by fifty other law enforcement agencies. The event required each officer to control and direct their dogs through various obstacles and searching exercises, designed to be quite similar to actual scenarios encountered by the K-9s. Officer Mike Carroll and his K-9, "MARCO", an 8-year-old Belgian Malinois, have been partners for the past four years. Officer Dave Taylor's K-9; "CHACKO", is one of the newest additions to the Department's Canine Unit and is a three-year-old German Shepherd.

The event was very competitive and all of the officers, including the ones with four legs, performed exceptionally well. At the closing ceremony, Officer Mike Carroll and his K-9 partner "MARCO" won fourth place in the building search exercise. Both officers' performance at this event demonstrates the devotion, training and commitment to the Department's canine program.

